

# SLI Ministry Action Plan

**Team Name:** A Way Forward

**Team Type:** Direction

**MAP Team Leader:** Kellianne Williams

**MAP Theme:** To discern the direction of the Rush United Methodist Church, in anticipation of a denominational schism

## Vision & Strategic Objectives

**Vision:** To collect the input of all members of our church family to identify a way forward.

**Near term objective/top level goal:** To educate, not to change minds

<u>Goals/Vital Signs/Lags</u>	<u>System Steps and/or Strategies and Lead Measures</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Team Lead</u>
	<p><b><u>System Step or Strategy</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Way Forward Group presents MAP to Leadership</li> <li>2. Intentionally include children and youth, as appropriate</li> <li>3. A Way Forward Group identifies core scripture (Romans 15:7 ?)</li> <li>4. A Way Forward Group meet with Rev. Stephen Cady / Asbury Representative to learn about Asbury's First journey through the Reconciling Ministries Network</li> <li>5. A Way Forward Group communicates with the congregation about the process, welcoming input, the value of making an informed decision</li> <li>6. Re-evaluation of process. Add, delete, edit?</li> </ol>	Summer 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kellianne</li> <li>2. Tanya with Alethea</li> <li>3. Erma</li> <li>4. Todd</li> <li>5. Erin</li> <li>6. A Way Forward</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Congregational education: History of Methodism (<u>Way of the Wesley's</u>, by John Tyson)</li> <li>2) Re-evaluation of process. Add, delete, edit?</li> </ol>	Fall 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pending</li> <li>2. A Way Forward</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Congregational education: Our Baptismal Vows, United Methodist Social Principals. Why should we care?</li> <li>2) Pulpit Exchange with a focus on Inclusion (race, sexuality, disability)</li> <li>3) Re-evaluation of process. Add, delete, edit?</li> </ol>	Winter 22-23 (#2 during Epiphany - Lent 2023)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pastor Todd</li> <li>2. Pastor Ann and Pastor Todd</li> <li>3. A Way Forward</li> </ol>
1. Collaborative Effort with Rochester: Covenant UMC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Congregational education: What is the Global Methodist Church?</li> <li>2) Congregational education: What is the Reconciling Ministries Network?</li> <li>3) Re-evaluation of process. Add, delete, edit?</li> </ol>	Spring 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kellianne</li> <li>2. Pastor Ann / lay representative</li> <li>3. A Way Forward</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Book Study</li> <li>2) Pulpit Exchange with a focus on Inclusion</li> <li>3) Re-evaluation of process. Add, delete, edit?</li> </ol>	2023-2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TBD</li> <li>2. Pastor Kim Ferrel (?) and Pastor Todd</li> <li>3. A Way Forward</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A straw vote is taken of the Rush United Methodist Church prior to General Conference</li> </ol>	June 2024	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Rush United Methodist Church will conduct a Special Church Conference that will decide our future affiliation</li> </ol>	November 2024	

### Context Internal

- 1) Theological Estimate: 35% progressive, 60% go along to get along, 5% conservative
- 2) Predominately professional, suburban, affluent, thoughtful, educated
- 3) We have already lost individuals and families over the position of the United Methodist Church

### Context External

- 1) Denominational schism
- 2) Partisan political environment

### Mission

Our mission is to live and share the love of Jesus!

**Missional Priorities**

- Excellence in worship
- Ministries for children, youth, adults, and families
- Mission and outreach

